

## A FREE SHOW.

## Marriage of the Bearded Woman to the Tattooed Man.

The Attendants Represent all the Human Curiosities of the World.

(Philadelphia Times.)

R. B. Moffitt, a tattooed man, and Miss Leo Hernandez, the "Spanish bearded lady," were married in Frankfort, yesterday, and a large number of noted "freaks" witnessed the ceremony. The bride has a glossy black beard three inches long, and the groom is as handsome a piece of mosaic work as there is in America. Miss Leo is twenty-six years old and her husband has passed forty. His first wife was the "Russian giantess," a 500 pound Venus who died of dyspepsia in Pittsburgh in 1880. Before the season ended Moffitt married a Circassian beauty of Milesian extraction. She died last summer, and before the Barnum show concluded its season the tattooed widower was head over heels in love with the fascinating "Spanish bearded lady." Although bearded, she possessed all the coyness of her sex, and Mr. Moffitt was compelled to use all the eloquence which once made him famous as a side-show "blower" to persuade her to accept him. "Old" John Geary, the most skillful sword swallower in the country, is the step-father of Miss Leo, and gave her away. Miss Leo wanted to have her beard shaved off in honor of the occasion, but Mr. Moffitt, who is of a practical turn of mind, opposed it on the ground that she might not be able to raise another crop, in which event her value as a "freak" would be totally destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt went to New York last evening.

After the ceremony Mr. Geary, "a freak" of fifty years standing, invited twenty of his most intimate acquaintances home to dine with him. Mr. Geary's present wife is professionally known as "Mile. Cathlene, the skeleton woman." When in showing condition she weighs seventy pounds, and as her husband graphically expressed it, "there isn't enough meat on her to feed a Scotch terrier." Now, however, Mile. Cathlene is what Mr. Geary is pleased to call as "fat as butter," and weighs ninety pounds. In response to a question about the matrimonial alliances of well known "freaks" Mr. Geary said: "Well, the most of 'em marry opposites. I only know one case in which a fat man married a fat woman. There's Hannah and John Battersby. She's the fattest woman that ever showed through this country; weighs something like 600 pounds, and keeps gaining flesh right along. John, her husband, used to do the living skeleton business, but he got so lean that he couldn't walk and he had to give up traveling. They lived here in Frankfort. He runs a blacksmith shop and peddles horse medicine. He has to be trundled around in a handcart. Well, I guess he won't weigh more than sixty pounds. You heard about that skeleton Sprague, who married a beauty out of Bunnell's woman show, didn't you? Well, that man has got a two-hundred-pound wife and half a dozen children down in Massachusetts. By the way, the Battersbys have a mighty handsome daughter. Yes, a young woman. No, neither fat nor lean. There's a fat girl at Bunnell's that is married to an animal-keeper. John and Mary Powers travel as brother and sister, but they are man and wife. That's the only fat couple I know of. Forepaugh had a fat man, who married an Albino, and John B. Doris engaged a fat woman that was married to a canvasser. Fat Lottie Grant is married to a lean ventriloquist."

Here Mr. Geary paused to light his pipe. Then he resumed his interesting narrative. "There's Colonel Goshen, the giant, you know; he got stuck on little Daisy Perry, who isn't much higher than his knee. She's the freak that married General Whatman, a dwarf, who is ugly enough to sour milk. The Chinese giant once told me he had half a dozen wives at home, but I think he was pulling my leg. That ugly little Chinese dwarf who was with the Barnum show last season was on the flirt all the time. He has a wife and five children in Hong Kong, but he is engaged to be married to as sleek a looking white woman as you ever saw. He met her in Baltimore, and she followed the show for a month. Why you'd be astonished to know the number of women that fall in love with 'freaks.' The historian said this in a way calculated to convey the impression that innumerable fair ones had smiled upon him during his long and eventful career. The sword swallower paused to make the point more effective. On resuming he said: 'Half a dozen of them Cape Town niggers that Elring took to London and called Zulus are now married to English women. Fanny Burdette, one of the smallest women in the country, is the wife of big Bill Bristol, a side-show blower. She is now in Boston. Of course you know Tom Thumb married Minnie Warren. Major Little Finger and wife, both little folks, traveled with O'Brien's circus last year. Little Commodore Nutt is married to a dwarf, but he thinks every big woman on the road is struck on him."

"Madame Helene, the bearded woman, married Dr. Clark, the lecturer, shaved her beard off and quit the show business. Madame Myers, the best bearded woman in the business, married a side-show ticket-taker and lives somewhere near Pittsburgh. Madame Lyons, of Syracuse, was married to a showman. She travels with her daughter, who does the Circassian girl business. Annie Jones, another bearded woman, has two of the nicest children you ever saw. Oh, I forgot about Eugene Ferallo, the skeleton, who married a Circassian girl, Ida Woodward, the original tattooed woman married the man who painted her. Why, certainly, they are all painted. Barnum's India rubber man, that guy that can pull his skin around, let it snap back like gum, has a wife and eight children in Germany. Osmund, the hairy man, married the three-handed lady. She died and he liked the family so well that he married her mother, who is a snake-charmer. Lurline, the water queen, ain't exactly a freak, but she's in the business. Her right name is Sallie Swift and she first came out as a club-swinging. She married a nobleman in London and lives in bang-up style."

"Oh, the Albino and Circassians

and gals with great heads of hair are so numerous that no one pays any attention to their marriages. Talking about funny things, there's that freak, the double-headed girl—Millie Christine, I mean. Well, I'll bet that more than a dozen men have offered to marry her. I guess the most of 'em were after her money, but she knows it and won't take 'em up. Why one cranky Dutchman followed that double-headed girl from Berlin to St. Petersburg and sent her an offer of marriage every day. I guess that fellow dropped about \$2,000 traveling around after that double-headed gal."

As the reporter started to the door Mr. Geary said: "Come up again in the spring and see the old woman when she gets some of the flesh off her," an invitation to which the feminine skeleton at his side kindly added her voice.

## THROUGH GEORGIA.

An Ex-Confederate Talks with General Johnston and General Sherman.

(Our Day.)

It is a singular coincidence that I had the pleasure of General J. E. Johnston's company, on his first trip after the war by daylight over the Western & Atlantic railroad, north Georgia, and subsequently of General Sherman's over the same road. Although fifteen years had elapsed, General Johnston pointed out the locations of different commands under him, and appeared to remember the exact situation of hills, valleys and ravines as vividly as if he had been raised among them. These places were all noted and commented upon as a fast train sped over bridges and around the scores of hills by its crooked line, whereas his former points of observation were more from the wagon roads. Not long since I had a chat with his engineer, Lieutenant Buchanan, to whom he refers in his book as that "very intelligent officer." He told me how anxious he sometimes was when quick movement was necessary, and the commanding officer would take his opinion simply of distances, etc., and so move the army.

Gen. Sherman did not recall the territory so clearly, but he illustrated the care for his men by pointing out the place, at Chieftons Station, where a negro man, stopping to look at the soldiers pass, removed an axe from his shoulder and rested it on a gun which lay on the mud and that it caused the gun to fire, wounding two of his men. At Graysville he pointed to an old stone mill building, saying an Englishman made sabres for the Confederates there. The statement was amusing, for, although war material was made there by an Englishman, as stated (Mr. John Gray, for whom the place was named), instead of "sabres," they were "Joe Brown's pikes," such as were used in the dark ages before gun powder was made. The manufacture of such material was of no more value than the dirks carried in the early part of the war, and there has been an erroneous opinion about them. There was not the bloodthirsty sentiment as has been charged, but the guns were poor and every conceivable precaution was taken in defense of home. When I mentioned my journey with Johnston to Sherman his face lighted with evident pleasure, and he said: "Was he through here?" Again at Cartersville about 200 men had gone to the station to see the general who had made desolate the home of so many people. There was no demonstration, but to gratify the evident desire to see him, he appeared on the platform of a car. General Akerman, formerly of Grant's cabinet, and one or two others shook hands with him. "General, we have improved a good deal since you were here," "Yes," replied Sherman, "we left a clear field for you!" And then, as the train was moving off, he remarked: "I see you have the same station, but you've put a new roof upon it."

Having observed that in his "Memoirs" he could give no particulars of Gen. McPherson's death, I told him Capt. Richard Beard, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, had told me the particulars. He was in command of the skirmish line, and was himself standing near the line where it crossed a path in the woods. The gallant Federal officer galloped his horse quite in their midst, and seeing the Confederate officer so near him he tipped his hat in instinctive salutation. With equal gallantry Beard presented his sword. McPherson turned his horse instantly and would have gotten away in a few seconds, but a Confederate had taken deadly aim.

## Delights of a Judge's Wife.

(London Vanity Fair.)

Before the present divorce court, with its especial judge, was established—which is in the memory of many people—the divorce suits were brought before a committee of the house of lords of which Lord Penzance was the president. A lady well known in the fashionable world at that time was heard to say to a relation of Lady Penzance: "How I envy Lady Penzance! I wish that I were in her place." "Why?" exclaimed her listener, a good deal astonished at this wish. "Oh," replied the lady, "because she must hear so many delightfully interesting stories."

## Chandler Right for Once.

(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

Secretary Chandler is right. If the "boys" of the naval academy do not know how to behave, they should resign and let their places be filled by "young gentlemen" who do. He might have gone further without losing the support of public opinion and decided officially that boys who are mean-spirited enough to applaud a self-confessed liar are not the stuff of which to make defenders of the national honor. There is evidently a vast amount of training needed by these cadets before they will become good American sailors or citizens.

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Dated November 21, A. D. 1881.

12-21-1m

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1-18-1m

J. M. Robbins has a real novelty in wall paper. It has illustrations on it—"the house that Jack built"—showing the entire history, from the rat that ate the malt to the marriage of the maid that milked the cow with a crumpled horn.

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